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COUNCIL MEETING AND OECD COUNCIL ACTION

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1. JAPANESE DELEGATION HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO STICK TO THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION OF NO COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC GROUP UNTIL AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF REFERENCE. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH WOOTTEN LED TO PROPOSAL FOR FOLLOWING MODIFICATION IN DRAFT ENTRY IN MINUTES CONTAINED REFTEL. PARAS (B) AND (C) WILL BE TELESKOPED TO PROVIDE NEW SINGLE PARA TO DRAFT ENTRY WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT:

NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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IS PREPARING A FACTUAL STUDY ON THE STEEL SITUATION AND HIS INTENTION TO CONVENE AN AD HOC GROUP AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE STUDY AND AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH DELEGATIONS EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE GROUP AS TO WHAT THE GROUP SHOULD DO AND WHEN IT SHOULD MEET. END TEXT.

2. THIS REARRANGEMENT APPEARS TO HELP JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE PRESENT THE PROBLEM TO MITI BY STRESSING THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS THROUGH THE USE OF THE WORD "AFTER." IN FACT, WE FEEL THAT THIS FORMULATION DOES NOT CHANGE THE THRUST OF THE ONE PRESENTED IN REFTEL AND WOULD RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

3. WE EXPECT WORD FROM THE JAPANESE DELEGATION AT OPENING OF BUSINESS TOMORROW.

4. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS HAVE LED US TO SUSPECT THAT ONE OR ANOTHER DELEGATION MAY RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO "CONVENE A GROUP." IF THIS SHOULD HAPPEN, I WOULD LIKE AUTHORITY TO FALL BACK ON SOME FORMULATION SUCH AS TO "ARRANGE A CONSULTATION." A CONSULTATION CAN OF COURSE INVOLVE SEVERAL MEETINGS AND WOULD ACCOMPLISH THE SAME PURPOSE. FURTHERMORE, THE TERM CONSULTATION HAS BEEN USED SPECIFICALLY IN CONNECTION WITH PAST AD HOC GROUP MEETINGS UNDER THE TRADE PLEDGE, AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS AUTHORITY TO ARRANGE FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE PLEDGE.

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